

# Nembutsu Wave



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## Gotan-e “Gathering to Celebrate the Founders Birthday”

*“The Buddha’s Wisdom, is like a torch on a moonless night. But do not weep that your Wisdom Eye cannot see it. Our life is like a ship on the Great Ocean of Birth and Death. Do not worry about your evil Karma. Because Amida’s Vow is limitless, how easy my heavy karma is to bear. Because the Buddha’s Wisdom is boundless, He embraces even those discarded by others.” Shinran*

We find ourselves in a life of uncertainty, life is more precarious than ever before. Our health, our jobs, our economy and peace of mind are all in jeopardy because of the COVID-19 epidemic. Thankfully because of Shinran Shonin whose birthday we celebrate this month, we are able to receive the teaching of namoamidabutsu. And through this teaching of namoamidabutsu, we shall be able to live a life where we shall be totally satisfied with what we call the self. It is to know and experience all that we have taken for granted or never noticed.

This is what is called True Compassion. True Compassion is manifested in those causes and conditions and together those causes and conditions form a very natural rhythm that identifies and embraces your life. This is Amida Buddha.

The very focus of True Compassion is you and I. To be specific, True Compassion is meant to alleviate our blind passions. Blind passions are that part of us that rejects naturalness, or the Dharma, or another way of saying life and things just as they are. Blind passion is our ego. It is that part of us that keeps telling me that, I should be something else, that life should be another way.

We all have that side of ourselves, the side of self that says, “I should be like.....I wish I had.....I want life to be.....”. Blind passions are always telling us to be something different to see the world differently. Shinran points out to us to be true and real to the self. Amida accepts us in this natural state. You and I are just right for this moment, for this world that we find ourselves in. It is to know and experience the very power of truth...or namoamidabutsu. It is to integrate totally, those causes and conditions. We shall determine our next moment and that moment shall be just right for you, and for me.

We do not have to be something else, or something different. It is to know and experience the power of namoamidabutsu. It is to live the joy of Amida’s great Compassionate heart. To know and experience this life as being just right for you, just right for me, and to accept this world just as it is, is to live a life of True Compassion.

This month we celebrate the birth of our founder Shinran Shonin, we are truly grateful that we have such an excellent teaching that embraces us, just as we are.

Namoamidabutsu,  
Rev. Hosei Shinseki

**MAY SHOTSUKI HOYO (Canceled)****On Line Service – ([montereybt.org](http://montereybt.org))****Sunday, May 10, 2020 10:00 AM****Deceased**

Masuko Yamamura & Hiroshi Yamamura  
 Ichi Watanabe  
 Tatsuo Tsubouchi  
 Chieko Higashi  
 Tokujiro Kobayashi & Kunie Kobayashi  
 Kin Takigawa  
 Tokuhachi Shibasaki  
 Lydia Ann Nakasako  
 Kanryu Houshi Murakami  
 Hatsu Nakamura  
 Kaoru Tsukimura  
 Shigeo Oba  
 Kozo Takahashi  
 Ichiyo Tokubo  
 Mitsuo Mike Yamashita  
 Hideo Yamashita  
 Toichiro Takigawa  
 Gisaku Miyauchi & Michiko Miyauchi Imai  
 Tsuru Somekawa  
 Satoru Murakoshi &  
     Akiko Helen Murakoshi  
 George Takahashi  
 Morio Hada  
 Shimono Matsumoto & Eijiro Ota  
 Michiko Miyauchi Imai  
 Tetsuo Imagawa  
 Hanafuse Shirakawa  
 Alice Reiko Miyamoto  
 Harry Komatsu  
 Barton Tetsuya Yoshida  
 Machiko Yamamoto & Shigeru Yamamoto  
 Katsumi Komatsu  
 Yoshie Grace Hattori  
 Raymond Shigetada Suzuki  
 Kenji Nakamura & Masako Nakamura  
 Teruko Gilbert  
 Tamotsu Tom Nakao  
 Hideko Nishi  
 Howard Nakano  
 Masato Yamashita  
 Ume Yaguchi

**Family**

Mrs. June Yamamura & Family  
 Caroline Davis & Deborah Janssen  
 Mr. Ken & Yoko Nishi  
 Mr. Craig Higashi  
 Kobayashi Family  
 Takigawa Family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Shibasaki  
 Mr. & Mrs. Itsuo Nakasako  
 Mrs. Mary Kinoshita  
 Nakamura Family  
 Mr. Gerry Tsukimura  
 Mrs. Kiyo Uchida  
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 Ms. Naomi Takigawa & Rod Tokubo  
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 Audrey Moore & Charlotte Holland  
 Mrs. Wako Matsushita  
 Doris Tsuchitani, Chieko Klarman &  
     Ken Murakoshi  
 Mrs. Toshiko Takahashi  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hada  
 Mr. William Omoto  
 Michiko Miyauchi Imai  
 Mrs. Jane Imagawa  
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 Komatsu Family  
 Meiko Yoshida  
 Mark Yamamoto & Chris Yamamoto  
 Mr. Robert Komatsu  
 Rick & Ellie Hattori  
 Mrs. Dorothy Suzuki  
 Nakamura Family  
 Mr. Andy Gilbert  
 Judy Kuwatani  
 Sachi Akaba  
 Gordon Nakano  
 Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Sydney Yamashita  
 Ms. Carle Hirahara

**March Shotsuki Hoyo Donations**

Atsumi Uyeda  
Tom & Eileen Fukunaga  
Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita  
Jane Okuma & Chris Gordon

Kurt Kodama  
Lisa Honda  
Akemi Ito

Dr. Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani  
Toru & Mary Kinoshita  
Patricia Hori

**Ohigan Service**

Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita    Itsuo & Keiko Nakasako    Toru & Mary Kinoshita  
Dr. Alan Amemiya & Linda Kadani

**Special March Donations Received**

Carle Hirahara, Shotsuki Hoyo in memory of Shingu Family & Yaguchi Family for 2020.

Rey & Ann Alamares, Shotsuki Hoyo in memory of Masato Morikawa

Kenneth & Joyce Nishi, Shotsuki Hoyo in memory of Joanne Chisato Nishi

Ken & Yoko Nishi, Shotsuki Hoyo in memory of Joanne Chisato Nishi and Sonosuke  
Tsubouchi

Janet Maruyama, Shotsuki Hoyo in memory of Yoshiko Miyamoto

Craig Higashi, Shotsuki Hoyo in memory of Masayuki Mike Higashi

Akemi Ito, Nirvana Day donation

Toru & Mary Kinoshita, Hanamatsuri Service donation

Katsumi & Atsuko Kinoshita, Hanamatsuri Service donation

Ohara Ikebana, c/o Rimiko Ogura, Facility use donation for February

Aikido of Monterey, c/o Cathy Jaeger, Facility use donation for February

Sogetsu Ikebana, co June Matsuoka, Facility use donation for March

Heihachiro Takarabe, Facility use donation for Tai Chi workshop

Tai Chi, c/o Yoshiko Arao, Facility use donation for January

The Dread Pony, c/o Dawn Correia, Facility use donation for December holiday party

Sorinji Kempo c/o Kazuki Arita, Facility use donation for February & March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kenneth & Joyce Esaki, Eitaikyo Perpetual Memory Fund donation for Joanne Chisato Nishi

Osaisen anonymous donation for 3/1/2020 and 3/8/2020

Ray and Besty Sumida, Shotsuki Hoyo donation to Dharma School in many of Mollie Sumida

***Thank you for all your Generous and Thoughtful Donations***

***To our Temple Members: During this very stressful time requiring everyone to "shelter in place" please let us know if you are in need of any assistance, such as: going to grocery store, going to doctor appointments, getting medications, etc. We are here to help you.***

***Please contact us: Julie Satow: (831) 595-2606. Linda Kadani: (831) 596-4132 and Akemi Ito: 915-7534.***

***Stay Safe and Healthy.***

***Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple***

**NOTES OF INTEREST**

Dear Obon Festival Planning Committee,

We are sad to announce that the Obon Festival has been cancelled this year. The decision to cancel was made by the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple Board of Directors. Many factors went into the decision to cancel - uncertainty when “shelter in place” will end, general public safety, and should the “shelter in place” order be lifted, we would have the eventual challenge of coordinating resources and volunteers in a very tight timeline.

We greatly appreciate the time and attention you all have already given to this year’s Obon Festival – thank you! We hope that everyone will be able to come together again for next year’s Obon Festival. Please stay home, stay safe and healthy in these unprecedented times!

In gratitude,  
David Ward and Akemi Ito  
Obon Festival 2020 Event Co-Chairs

**Online Sunday Services**

The Monterey Buddhist Temple will offer live streaming services each Sunday at 10:00 am until further notice. Log into the temple website at [montereybt.org](http://montereybt.org). On the home page, you will see a link to the “Sunday Service Live Stream”. Please join us each Sunday at 10:00 am.

Gassho,  
Rev. Jay Shinseki

**On Line Donation Option Available on Temple Website**

Make a one time donation to the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple using a credit card via PayPal. No PayPal account is required, except to setup a recurring (monthly) donation if that is something you would like to consider.

Please view our website at [montereybt.org](http://montereybt.org). This option appears on the footer of every page of our website. We appreciate everyone’s generous donations and we hope this option will make it easier to forward your donations to our temple in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact our temple through our email:  
[montereydec@gmail.com](mailto:montereydec@gmail.com)

**2020 Membership Forms**

Please find in this newsletter our 2020 Membership form. The temple dues have remained the same as 2019. However, we once again are asking those who can participate to send in the additional \$155.00 BCA membership dues. The BCA dues have increased this year due to the increased 2020 Budget for the BCA.

